

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 27, 2007, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-15. Such election is made without traverse.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 2. Support for such amendment may be found, e.g., in original claim 2 and at page 4, lines 11-26. As described therein, the movable piston may be provided with two spaced-apart seals, and a confining fluid may be supplied between the two seals such that the piston comprises means for applying a confining fluid to the side of the piston facing away from the coating fluid so as to simulate a continuous material web. Claim 2 has been amended to include further features of such an embodiment, supported by original dependent claim 8 and page 4, lines 14-17.

Claim 3 has been amended to state that the limiting means is adapted such that a confining fluid is applicable through it. An example is given on page 4, lines 14-17. The limiting means may be a movable piston with two spaced-apart seals as explained above, with the confining fluid being applied between the two seals, i.e. through the limiting means.

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